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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/744,338	Applicant(s) SAITO ET AL. <i>AK</i>	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 October 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on October 16, 2004. These drawings are accepted.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1: line 2: "combiner that" is suggested changing to "combiner"; line 6: "converger that converges those of" is suggested changing to "converger converges"; line 10: "controller that" is suggested changing to "controller".

Claim 3, line 3: "antennas that" is suggested changing to "antennas"; line 5: "array receiver that" is suggested changing to "array receiver".

Claims 4 & 6, line 4: "combiner that" is suggested changing to "combiner"; line 8: "converger that converges those of" is suggested changing to "converger converges"; line 12: "controller that" is suggested changing to "controller".

Claim 8, line 7: "converging those of" is suggested changing to "converging"; line 16: "the combiner" is suggested changing to "a combiner".

Claims 2, 5, and 7 are dependent on the objected claims 1, 4, and 6.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In claim 3, the reception apparatus (shown in FIG.7) comprises a combiner combines received signal components wherein the combiner is shown as the element 24 in FIG.2 of the plural array combining section 102 of FIG.7, further comprises an array receiver adds the signals received by the respective adaptive array antennas. It is not shown or taught in the closure of drawings, which is the "an array receiver adds the received signal" besides the element 24 which combines the received signal components in FIG.2.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-2 and 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) listed in the paragraph 2, set forth in this Office action.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in a combination, among other things, at least a reception apparatus and its equalizing method as a whole, the combination of elements and features, which includes a combiner combines a predetermined number of a plurality of weighted received signal components; a converger converges the received signal components falling within a time-based convergence range; and a controller controls the

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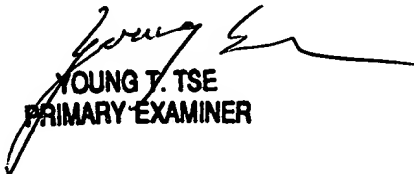
convergence that a sampling time of a signal component having the greatest delay accords with a maximum delay time.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edith M Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-3041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayanti Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Edith Chang
February 28, 2005


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